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AND DETECTION OF PROGRESSIVE SUPRANUCLEAR PALSY

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of five months for filing an appeal brief in response to the final Office Action mailed August 2, 2005 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, finally rejecting claims 1-17 in the above-identified application. A notice of appeal was filed February 2, 2006 and therefore an appeal brief was originally due April 2, 2006.

Enclosed is a check covering the \$1,080.00 statutory extension fee for a small entity for filing a response within the fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Accordingly, the Request for Continued Examination and Amendment submitted concurrently herewith is being timely filed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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